



Attorney Docket No. AUT/008 Cont.

Applicants : Michael R. Lax et al.  
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Group Art Unit : 3676  
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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Sir:

Transmitted herewith: [ ] a Preliminary Amendment;  
 a Reply to Office Action; [ ] a Declaration; [ ] a Power  
of Attorney; [ ] a Submission of Formal Drawings; [ ] formal  
drawings; to be filed in the above identified patent  
application.

FEE FOR ADDITIONAL CLAIMS

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The additional fee has been calculated as shown below:

CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDITIONAL FEES
<b>TOTAL CLAIMS</b>	58 - 38 *	= 20	X \$ 50	= \$ 1,000.00
<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	2 - 3 **	= 0	X \$500	= \$ 0.00
<b>FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM</b>		+ \$360	= \$ 0.00	

\* If less than 20, insert 20. TOTAL \$1,000.00  
\*\* If less than 3, insert 3.

- [ ] A check in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ in payment of the additional claims is transmitted herewith.
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extension fee for response within third month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a); [ ] \$1590.00 extension fee for response within fourth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (a); [ ] \$2160.00 extension fee for response within fifth month pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a).

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REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

Applicants hereby reply to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004, which did not address the merits of the application, but required an election of species.

**Amendments of the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.